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FOR: DAVID COX ARA/AND/C

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PBOR, PN, CO
SUBJ: EFFECT OF PANAMA CANAL TREATIES ON 1914 THOMPSON-
URRUTIA TREATY

REF: STATE 064169

1. AMBASSADOR DISCUSSED SUBSTANCE OF REFTEL WITH FOREIGN
MINISTER LIEVANO MORNING MARCH 14 AND CONVEYED TO HIM DRAFTS
OF THREE NOTES CONTAINES THEREIN.
2. LIEVANO DISCUSSED NOTES WITH PRESIDENT LOPEZ AFTERNOON
MARCH 14, FOLLOWING WHICH LONDONO CONVEYED THEIR REACTIONS TO
POL COUNSELOR. LONDONO REPORTED THAT THE GOC COULD ACCEPT DRAFT
NOTE WHICH IS CONTAINED IN PAR 2 C, WITH THE ADDITION OF THE
FOLLOWING SENTENCE: "ANY WORKS OR MODIFICATIONS WHICH MAY BE
EFFECTED IN THE CANAL WILL NOT AFFECT THE RIGHTS OF THE REPUBLIC
OF COLOMBIA IN REGARD TO THE INTEROCEANIC CANAL."
3. LIEVANO ALSO REQUESTED THE DEPARTMENT'S OFFICIAL SPANISH
TRANSLATION OF THE ABOVE NOTE, WITH SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THE
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WORD "NOTWITHSTANDING" IN THE FIRST SENTENCE.

4. THIS SEEMS TO BE A SIGNIFICANT WITHDRAWAL BY LOPEZ AND
LIEVANO FROM WHAT THEY HAVE SOUGHT IN PREVIOUS EXCHANGES.
WE BELIEVE THE REASON FOR THIS MODERATION IS THE GOC'S DESIRE
FOR A SPEEDY CONCLUSION TO THIS EXCHANGE. LIEVANO HAS MADE
IT CLEAR THAT HE WOULD LIKE A FAVORABLE RESPONSE BY NOON

MARCH 15. REQUEST REPLY SOONEST.

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